

Duvall Library Board Minutes, Monday, February 25th, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Present were Library Board members: Alan Butler, Don Barden, Paige Denison, Denny Redman and Karen Wallin. Duvall Library: Laura Boyes. Duvall Civic Club: Joe Lee Davidson. Doreen Booth and Lara Thomas from the City of Duvall were unable to attend.

First order of business was a request for approval of November 2007 minutes which had been passed around on email. The minutes were so moved and approved.

Approval of the minutes from the January 2008 meeting followed.

After ascertaining the absence of City of Duvall liaisons, Chair Denison began a cursory report of her own regarding status update of the New Facility Zoning Hearing and stated that March 6th was the day of the Planning Commission Hearing in the Rose Room at the library. Some members would be unable to attend but all who could make it were encouraged to go or send a comment along addressed to the attention of the Planning Commission Chair.

The following Thursday, March 13th, was to be the City Council Meeting, where approval of New Facility Zoning was to hopefully transpire and to which Board members were also requested to attend and express their opinions.

The Library Legislative Day report was then discussed with Laura Boyes filling in the board on activities that day in Olympia—including visiting legislators regarding statewide radio reading for the blind, school library funding issues and a couple of other issues. Laura remarked that she found the legislators very responsive.

Mid-March advisory Board Meeting—no further details were yet available.

Laura Boyes discussed Duvall Library updates and needs—including Laura Ritter's temporary situation as lead L.A. and the open position for a circulation supervisor who will be based in Woodinville but responsible for all libraries in this cluster. The position will hopefully be filled by the end of March.

She also mentioned that the Carnation Library would be closing in May and temporarily relocated to the Senior Center in Carnation. Although books won't be following the library over, magazines will go along with the library and some computer classes will be available. Hours may be matched up somewhat with the Senior Center's hours as well. Fall City's new library will open about the same time in May which may help accommodate some of Carnation's loss of full facilities.

Joe Lee Davidson, from the Civic Club, presented his report of the goings on at the last Civic Club meeting, and brought the discussion around to Duvall Library hours.

Joe stated that he had spoken with young mothers who seemed regularly confused about the hours at the library because they change so significantly almost every day and how beneficial it would be to have at least the same 10 AM daily schedule at least for weekdays. Joe agreed that the hours might change once the new facility was in service but felt that the time frame for Duvall's library completion was still "too far down the road."

Laura Boyes responded that when the new library opens the Duvall Library will open more hours and open six days a week. But not Sunday. The hours will likely be 10 to 9 Monday through Thursday---- 10 to 6 on Friday and 10 to 5 on Saturday. And that would come out to 59 hours a week. If we were presently the size of our future library, we would likely be open those hours right now. We are following the model of other libraries of this size with the present number of hours. We don't have the staff or budget at this time to do otherwise. "So the chances of us having any more open hours right now are negligible. It's a funding issue. The budget is already set for this year."

Denny Redman, who works next to the library two days a week at the book store did note that he hears from young mothers wondering about the library hours. As the library is open presently three mornings a week, Don Barden also wondered if those young mothers visited the library more than two days a week. Karen Wallin wondered if some hours couldn't be shifted since the budget wasn't there. But Laura Boyes noted that "people come with their kids for storytimes but if there aren't storytimes, the libraries aren't that busy in the mornings. But then again people want to come in after school and we're trying to meet the needs of people who want to use the library in the afternoons and evenings, too. And people use the library on Saturdays. And we kind of have to have consistent hours across the library system for libraries." Laura said she would ask about more hours in her request for budget for next year, "which I will do" but said that it is unlikely it will happen because the plan is for hours to expand when the new library is completed.

Paige Denison moved on to the clarification of the author visits question. Laura said that the programming department worked out an agreement with the author, they pay the fee/with the help of friends of the library or whomever and, if there is a book to be sold, they make arrangements for that. Otherwise, the time it takes the staff to set up an author's visit is not something we do at the local level. She also said one of the issues for the Duvall Library was space.

Chair Denison also mentioned the need for updates on the Main Street Project, which Laura will follow up with by calling Alana McCoy from the City. Joe Lee finished up with his DCC report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 50.